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SUBJECT: U.S. OPPOSITION TO IDA PROJECT FOR YEMEN PDRY

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1. THE U.S. HAS DECIDED TO ABSTAIN ON HUMAN RIGHTS
GROUNDS ON AN UPCOMING LOAN BY THE INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA) TO THE SOUTH YEMENI GOVERN-
MENT. IT IS A FIVE MILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO CONSTRUCT A
DIESEL POWER PLANT WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO THE IDA
BOARD ON JUNE 13.

2. AS PART OF THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION DESCRIBED IN REF (A), ACTION EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF OUR DECISION ON ABSTENTION FOR THEIR USE WHEN DECIDING THEIR POSITION ON THIS PROJECT.

3. FYI DECISION TO ABSTAIN (AS OPPOSED TO VOTING AGAINST AS WE DID IN FEBRUARY, ON A WORLD BANK LOAN TO PDRY) WAS TAKEN IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THIS LOAN WOULD APPEAR TO SERVE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND IN VIEW OF OUR PLAN TO SEND A TEAM OF U.S. OFFICIALS TO ADEN LATER THIS MONTH TO DISCUSS ON AN EXPLORATORY BASIS A NUMBER OF ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. END FYI.

4. IN ADDITION, U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO IBRD WILL INFORM EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPRESENTING HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ACTION ADDRESSEES OF OUR POSITION.

5. IF HOST GOVERNMENTS SHOULD INQUIRE AS TO U.S. ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN PDRY, YOU MAY DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING: THE USE OF BOTH SHORT AND LONG-TERM DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL IS REPORTEDLY WIDESPREAD IN THE PDRY. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE, SOMETIMES RESULTING IN DEATH OR MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS. LARGE NUMBERS OF DETAINED PRISONERS ALLEGEDLY HAVE DISAPPEARED WITHOUT
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TRACE. THERE HAVE BEEN AN ALARMING NUMBER OF NON-JUDICIAL EXECUTIONS WHERE GROUPS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS HAVE BEEN KILLED "WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE," OR WHERE PERSONALLY MOTIVATED OR POLITICAL MURDERS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PDRY GOVERNMENT. THERE IS ALMOST NO FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, RELIGION, ASSEMBLY OR MOVEMENT. DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES DO NOT EXIST. VANCE

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